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Messrs Schaner & Walters  
Health resort at Kyabwa

Send minute form to Southwick Baker  
giving particulars of the establishment about  
as of the nature of a factory & owned by persons

Send to Mr. G. M. G. to reply to the  
copy of 37939/14 + own reply, copy of  
49767, reply of 51029, + of 97/14.5  
Conf. 3rd Pers. Sec. etc  
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M.O.S(g),  
War Office,

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The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and begs to forward a copy of a report which has been received in this Department from Mr. F. Sandbach-Baker. It is presumed that, if it is thought desirable to interview Mr. F. Sandbach-Baker, this will be done by the Colonial Office.

To  
The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Derbyshire Constabulary.

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Superintendent's Office,

Matlock.

31st December, 1914.

Re: Health Resorts in British East Africa.

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I respectfully beg to submit to the Chief Constable a statement by F. Sandbach-Baker, Esq., together with copy of a letter he wrote to the Chief Constable of Sunderland with reference to these called Health Resort.

Mr. Sandbach-Baker informs me that the book-keeper at this place, who does all the business correspondence, told him that Shauer & Walter are supposed to run the place, but have nothing, and that the concern is financed by Mr. Ahless. He states that the building is so massive that ten large guns could be placed within, in such positions as to command important country.

There is also a farm, over the Railway, carried on by the same people, which commands other important country, water supplies, etc. These places are in the forest, and are frequented chiefly by German Government Officials.

Mr. Sandbach-Baker also states there is a man named Heyers at Nairobi, who has a store of rifles and ammunition; this store is believed to be the property of the German Government, but it is carried on under the name of Heyers.

(signed) J. Clarke.

Superintendent.

Capt. Holland, M.V.O.,  
Chief Constable.

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Telephone No 17.

Telegrams Smedley, Matlock.

Railway Station, Matlock.

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Smedley's Hydropathic Establishment,  
Matlock.

30th December, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am afraid that I cannot add much to my statement sent to the Chief Constable of Durham re the supposed Health Resort at Kyabe Hill, British East Africa, as all my papers are in London, I shall be going there next month, January, and if the War Office would like me to call, I can show them a sketch of the Buildings I refer to and how they dominate the Railway and Surrounding District, also how solidly the building are constructed, with concrete floors and heavy masonry, it is a meeting place for Germans. During my stay there the German Consul came for several days and many Germans from the German Territory.

Yours truly,

(signed) F. Sandbach-Baker.

Smedley's Hydropathic Establishment,  
Matlock.

9th December, 1914.

E. G. Morant, Esq.,  
Chief Constable,  
Durham.

Sir,

I see from my morning papers, the case against the German  
Consul at Sunderland.

Will this be the same man that is running and financing a  
place in British East Africa at Kijabe Hill? ostensibly called  
a Health Resort, but built more like a fortress, with solid  
stone walls and concrete floors, with a partial flat roof upon  
which visitors were never allowed, this is at an elevation of over  
7,000 feet along with this, he rents the hills adjoining, some  
8/9000 ft. high entirely dominating the Uganda Railway for fifty  
miles, also the Government Station at Nairasha, and also the  
Railway Stations at Nairasha, Kijabe, Escarpment, Mole, etc. with  
command of the lake, and water supply of this district.

The place is remarkably well provisioned and stocked, with  
plenty of ammunition, rifles and guns. My wife and self stayed  
there in February and March last and these things seemed so  
singular in such an out of the way place, and that the farm  
adjoining should be equally solidly built and occupied by Germans.

There was a Mr. Church there at that time occupied as book-  
keeper but he was not allowed to see any of the correspondence  
until it had been perused by one of the people in charge namely  
Messrs. Schauer & Welter & Co. (Germans).

Church informed me that he was engaged in England at Newcastle  
by Mr. Ahlers under very severe conditions and that everything  
that was done there was under his instructions, and he, also  
supplied everything.

I thought perhaps this information might interest you if it should turn out to be the same Mr. Ahlers. In any case it seems a weak thing for our Government to allow a Colony of Germans to establish themselves in so dominating a position, and so near to the German border in E. S. A. I should like to know if you think it worth enquiring into, if so, the Uganda Railway people in the Haymarket, London or the Colonial Office might give you some information.

Schauer Wilters & Co's Bankers, would be The National Bank of India, London, or The Standard Bank of South Africa, or both.

Yours truly,

(signed) F. Sandbach-Baker.

I can send you more information if you wish.